



# Coleshill C of E Primary School

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## Thank you

**As another school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.**

Our first full academic year since 2018/19 was always going to be a year where we needed to live our values. Together as a school family, our staff, children and families have met challenges with resilience, persevering when the going was tough. We have found comfort in the kindness of others and looked after each other with respect—all with the aim of making our school a safe place where we all want to be; a place where children can flourish and we can rebuild our community following two years of significant disruption.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your cards, gifts and kind wishes. We hope you all enjoy a relaxing summer break, and we look forward to a new year and all the opportunities it will bring. We will see you all arriving by 8.45am on Thursday 8th September.

## Year 6 leavers celebrations

Year 6 enjoyed their last week of school, commemorating this special time with a number of events, including an assembly well attended by family and friends, a party complete with bouncy castle, and a staff v. children water fight! Thank you to the PTA for helping to organise and fund all of these events.

We would like to wish the best of luck to all our leavers. We are so proud of the young people you have become during your time with us. We hope you face the future with a sense of optimism, continuing your journey in education - and life - with the skills you all have within you. Be brave, be kind, be you!

## Fun in the...shade

The children and staff coped admirably during the extreme temperatures this week, helped by some ice lols, quite activities in the shade and some water play!





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## Wow—Here every day for 2021-22!

This year has been really challenging for attendance with the continuation of COVID infections and numerous other bugs coming back with a vengeance after our lockdowns.

However these 6 children have made it through completely unscathed. Congratulation to our 100% attenders for 2021-22.

A very excellent achievement based on solid **Perseverance!**



## Our Dazzling Dancers!

Earlier in June, our children from the Dazzlers after school club had the exciting opportunity to perform at Nuneaton's Abbey Theatre. We reported on their wonderful experience a few newsletters ago. Today each performer was given a certificate of attendance for their great work.

Emily was also awarded a special award to outstanding contribution to dance for 2021-22. Well done to all our Dazzlers! Keep on dancing!





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## Final Achievement Cards for 2021-22

Congratulations for all our achievers this year. You have worked really hard for your certificates and we celebrate with you! Well done.

## Commonwealth Games Festival Sites

Looking for something unique to do with your children as the Summer holidays start? Not got a ticket to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games but still want to take in the carnival atmosphere of the biggest event to take place in the UK since the 2021 Olympics? Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council have got you covered.

Be a part of the action during Games time with big-screen festival sites in Warwick and Royal Leamington Spa where you can experience all the action for yourself.

From Thursday 28 July to Monday 8 August, there will be two festival sites in Warwick District, one in Pump Room Gardens in Royal Leamington Spa, operated by Warwick District Council, and another in Market Square in Warwick, operated by Warwickshire County Council; both will have big screens, open from 10am – 10pm and are FREE TO ATTEND, to celebrate the region's hosting of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Find out more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/birmingham-commonwealth-games-2022/warwickshire-festival-sites>







### Reading challenge—a surprise celebration!

This year all of the children have risen to our school reading challenge, and we are proud of every single child in the school. Establishing good reading habits is fundamental to the children's learning and as teachers, we can really see the positive impact this has had on the learning in class this year.

Thank you to all of you, parents, grandparents and everyone in between, for supporting your children in their reading. As a special 'well done' to all those that have relentlessly kept up with their reading over the whole year, which is a fantastic achievement, we had a party on the field to celebrate. We had a lot of reading champions!

If you are feeling inspired by our reading champions, maybe you could visit your nearest library and join the summer reading challenge! I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing lots more reading superstars in September!

*Miss Morse*

### Earlier starts in September

From September 2022, access to the school site will be from **8:30am**, the classroom doors will open at **8:35am** and children must be in class by **8:45am**.

Classroom doors will close at 8:45am and children will be marked late if arriving after this time.



**Arrive on time by quarter to nine!**

## **New trophy**

Well done to Red Pandas who were this year's school sports day champions. We have added another shield to our collection with the four most recent winning houses engraved on, and look forward to many more years of friendly competition between the houses!



## **Football team victorious AGAIN!**

Well done to the school football team who beat Nethersole 1-3 in the BDMAT football final to bring home another trophy! The Year 6 players will be missed when they move on to senior school, but they hand over the baton to a talented bunch of children ready to continue representing the school so well next year.

## **Sporting success continues**

There have been a flurry of sporting activities recently, culminating in a special athletics trip to Tamworth for some of our talented sports people. Well done to these year 3 children who won in the ball throw and long jump events.



## **Goodbye and good luck**

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Owen and Mrs Barlow and the end of this term.

Mrs Owen has been a vital member of our senior leadership team, teaching in Year 1 and leading on modern foreign languages. Mrs Barlow has embedded a high quality computing curriculum for our children, teaching across the school. Both have been highly valued colleagues and educators - thank you for your service, you will be missed.

Mr Griffiths is leaving us to travel and continue his studies in Early Years - thank you for your help in Nursery and Reception, at lunch times and in Kids' Club. Bon voyage!

Mrs Wyatt begins her maternity leave - we wish her and her growing family all the best.

Thank you also to Mr D'Hondt and Mrs Collins-Smith for your work in Year 2.

Finally a special mention goes to Anna Hayton, chair of the PTA who is leaving after many years of service to the school. The PTA work tirelessly as volunteers to coordinate a range of events that directly benefit the children, and Anna's contribution to the school's fundraising activities—and the happy memories of hundreds of children over the years—has been amazing. Thank you Anna!



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# Coleshill Tennis & Multisport Easter Camps

Thursdays

28th July

4th August

11th August

at Coleshill Tennis Club

We will be doing a variety of tennis and multisport activities with our tennis coaching team, and will be delivering further camps at half term and in the summer holidays.

Places will be limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

<https://matchpointsportz.class4kids.co.uk/camp/14>

any further questions please [coaching@hamptontennis.org.uk](mailto:coaching@hamptontennis.org.uk)





## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.**